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Date: January 6, 2004

Docket No.: 2039-0169P

MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/887,757 filed on July 21, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Marco RADICE, Andrea PASTORELLO, Alessandro PAVESIO, and Lanfranco CALLEGARD

for

INJECTABLE HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE WITH PHARMACEUTICALS/CELLS

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

2. \square The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

_			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	6-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00

3.	A check in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.	Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$770.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.	Enclosed is/are() sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
ба.	A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/887,757 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.	The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	The prior application is assigned to <u>Fidia Advanced</u> <u>Biopolymers</u> , S.r.l.
8.	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.	Priority of Application No(s) filed in on is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See

the prior application on _____.

9b. 🛛

attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in

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Italy on December 21, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

- 10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- 11. Address all future communications to:

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or

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- 12. An extension of time for _____() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/887,757 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- 13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Express Mai.	<u>l Certificate</u>	(EV 404625113	US)

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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2039-0169P Attachment(s)

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